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SUBJECT: TARAPUR

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1. I HAD ALREADY MADE THE APPROACH TO THE INDIANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 107344. MY REPORT WAS TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATE AND IS NOW BEING RE-TRANSMITTED NIACT IMMEDIATE. MY CONVERSATION WAS WITH M. A. VELLODI, SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND I HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY IN WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. VELLODI SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO TALK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THAT HE WILL INFORM THE MINISTER TOMORROW THAT THE GOI SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM THE USG.

2. ON MY INSTRUCTIONS CONSUL GENERAL COURTNEY IN BOMBAY ALSO CONVEYED THE INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S TELEGRAM TO INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SETHNA. THE EMBASSY IS REPEATING COURTNEY'S REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT NIACT IMMEDIATE. AT MY REQUEST, COURTNEY DID NOT RPT NOT INFORM SETHNA OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT A HIGH LEVEL INDIAN OFFICIAL SHOULD VISIT WASHINGTON AS I BELIEVED THAT WAS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. COURTNEY HAS SINCE REACHED SETHNA WHO TOLD COURTNEY HE WILL IGNORE
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THE CONVERSATION. VELLODI TOLD ME THAT NO OTHER MINISTER HAD YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN REGARD TO OUR APPROACH AND SO I CONCLUDE THAT THE MINISTER WITH WHOM SETHNA TALKED ON THE TELEPHONE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN FURTHER INFORMED OF OUR POSITION.

3. I CONCLUDE THEREFORE THAT WE HAVE STOPPED GOI WHEELS FROM

TURNING FURTHER ON THIS MATTER
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